together would support sustainable communities.

Priority

The Secretary gives competitive preference to applications that—

(1) Propose the provision of substantial services in Empowerment Zones or Enterprise Communities; and

(2) Propose projects that contribute to the strategic plan of the Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community and that are made an integral component of the Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community activities.

Under this program a project is considered to be providing substantial services if a minimum of 51 percent of the persons served by the project reside within the Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community.

Invitational Priorities: Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1) the Secretary is particularly interested in applications that meet one or more of the following invitational priorities. However, an application that meets one or more of these invitational priorities does not receive competitive or absolute preference over other applications:

Invitational Priority 1—Services to Minorities and Women. Applications that propose to provide culturally sensitive vocational rehabilitation services and make significant outreach efforts to identify and serve individuals with disabilities from minority backgrounds and women with disabilities.

Invitational Priority 2—Services to People with HIV or AIDS. Applications that propose to provide vocational rehabilitation services to people with HIV or AIDS.

Invitational Priority 3—Rehabilitation Technology. Applications that address the uses of technology in the successful rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities.

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Program Authority: 29 U.S.C. 777a(a)(1).

84.235V Special projects and demonstrations for providing transitional rehabilitation services to youth with disabilities.

Purpose of Program: To provide job training to prepare youth with

disabilities for entry into the labor force, including competitive or supported employment.

Eligible Applicants: State agencies; other public agencies and organizations, including federally recognized Indian tribal governments; and nonprofit agencies and organizations.

Project Period: Up to 36 months. Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 80, 81, 82, and 85; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR parts 369 and 376.

Priority

Competitive Priority: Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) and the notice of final priorities for this program published in the **Federal Register** on December 9, 1994 (59 FR 63860), the Secretary gives preference to applications that meet the following competitive priority. The Secretary awards 10 points to an application that meets this competitive priority. These points are in addition to any points the application earns under the selection criteria for the program:

Providing Program Services in an Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community

Background

The Empowerment Zone and Enterprise Community Program is a critical element of the Administration's community revitalization strategy. The program is a first step in rebuilding communities in America's povertystricken inner cities and rural heartlands. It is designed to empower people and communities by inspiring Americans to work together to create jobs and opportunity.

Under this program the Federal Government has designated 9 Empowerment Zones (Atlanta, GA; Baltimore, MD; Chicago, IL; Detroit, MI; New York, NY; Philadelphia, PA/ Camden, NJ; Kentucky Ĥighlands, KY; Mid-Delta, MS; and Rio Grande Valley, TX): 2 Supplemental Empowerment Zones (Los Angeles, CA and Cleveland, OH); and 95 Enterprise Communities (a full list of which is available upon request). Interested individuals may contact the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) at 1–800– 998-9999 for additional information on the Empowerment Zone and Enterprise Community Program.

Under the Empowerment Zone and Enterprise Community Program communities are invited to submit strategic plans that comprehensively address how the community would link economic development with education and training, as well as how community development, public safety, human services, and environmental initiative together would support sustainable communities.

Priority:

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(2) Propose projects that contribute to the strategic plan of the Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community and that are made an integral component of the Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community activities.

Under this program a project is considered to be providing substantial services if a minimum of 51 percent of the persons served by the project reside within the Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community.

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Program Authority: 29 U.S.C. 777a(b).

84.250F Vocational rehabilitation service projects for American Indians with disabilities.

Purpose of Program: To provide vocational rehabilitation services in order to prepare for suitable employment American Indians with disabilities who reside on Federal or State reservations

Eligible Applicants: Governing bodies of Indian Tribes; and consortia of those governing bodies located on Federal or State reservations.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 75, 77, 80, 81, 82, and 85; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR parts 369 and 371.

Statutory Priority: Section 130(b)(4) of the Rehabilitation Act provides that, in making new awards under this program, the Secretary gives priority consideration to applications for the continuation of tribal programs that have been funded under this program. For this competition in fiscal year 1996, the Secretary will implement this priority by giving a competitive preference of 10 bonus points, in accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i), to applications that meet this priority.